

I have a number of small items to report on this week:

- ◆ Y4 participated brilliantly in the local Superstars competition at the Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre. They finished 6th out of the schools there on the day. Well done to all of you.
- ◆ The new library area in our front reception corridor is shaping up well. Please find an exciting yellow letter going out today which details how we are promoting and celebrating reading over the coming fortnight. I got the date wrong for World Book Day last time—it is of course on Thursday 6th March. Many apologies!
- ◆ The Friends of Barnes Farm Owl Post is also out today—slightly later than anticipated but well worth a read
- ◆ Traffic conditions and parking have improved since we staggered our opening times but recently there was a 'near miss' involving a pupil. This was mainly caused by parents parking on the corners of roads where children are crossing. Please follow guidance for the safety of all our road users.
- ◆ Finally—warm wishes sent out to Mrs Green who left for her maternity leave on Tuesday.




Operation Christmas Child

We heard this week that our 55 shoeboxes packed full of donated goodies by children and parents were delivered successfully to Swaziland in Southern Africa.



COULD YOU DESIGN A NEW LOGO FOR OUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION?

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools (otherwise known as the PTA) would like to refresh and update their current logo and are keen for a new one to be designed by the pupils of Barnes Farm Schools – our competition is open to children across both Infant and Junior schools.

Big, bold and bright – please design something which you think reflects your schools and why you enjoy being a pupil at Barnes Farm.

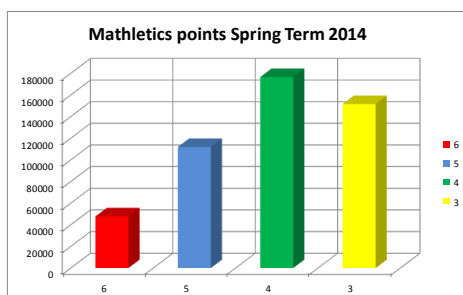
Not only will the winning entry win a great prize but the new logo will be added to the new PTA school jute/cotton bags which we are introducing later this year.

So get your pens and pencils at the ready and remember to keep it bold and bright (A4 submissions please).

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your entries which can be handed into class teachers across the remainder of the Spring Term!
Closing date for entries is Friday 04/04/14

Friends of Barnes Farm Schools AGM is on Monday 10th March in the Barn @ 7:45pm
All welcome!

MATHLETICS Mathletics Year Group Challenge



Mathletics points for the weekly Hall of Fame are now calculated for the whole week.
Y4 are now in the lead for the term so far!

Governor Hot Topics

Next week, the Resources Committee is meeting to discuss the new budget and letting arrangements for the Barn. Governors have recently visited to look at reading, safeguarding and marking in books.

Other Key dates

Thurs 6th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 21st Mar	Sport Relief Day
Fri 4th April	Last day of Spring Term
Tues 22nd April	Non-Pupil Day 4
Weds 23rd April	Pupils return for Summer Term
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 22nd May	European Elections—School Open
Fri 23rd May	Non-Pupil day 5
Mon 2nd June	Return from half term
Tues 22nd July	End of Term
Thurs 4th September 2014	Pupils return